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Grant enlisted in the navy on May 17, 1942, and spent over three years in the South Pacific as Chief Petty Officer in charge of heavy equipment during World War II and received an honorable discharge on November 19, 1945. He was in the Navy Sea Bees and spent much of the time building airport runways, roads, etc.

Before Grant went in the Navy, he worked for W. W. Clyde and Company, Whiting & Haywood Construction Co, the city, and with Brent Hill, building roads.

Grant married Josie Todd on June 6, 1947 in Evanston, Wyoming, then later their marriage was solemnized in the Provo L.D.S. Temple.

Grant loved camping, fishing, and hunting, and enjoyed the senior citizen center after his retirement. He was proud of his vegetable garden, and loved sharing vegetables with his neighbors. He loved his children and grandchildren and enjoyed having them come to visit and help.

Grant Murdock Hicken died of a heart attack at home on the evening of June 3, 1983. His funeral was in the Heber First Ward Chapel, and he was buried in the Heber City Cemetery.

Josie Todd was born in Heber City, Utah on Sunday, 27 February 1916, in the sandstone house built by her grandfather, Thomas Todd, in 1879.

Her parents were David Alexander Todd and Josephine Marie Moulton. She was the only daughter born to them, and had four older brothers; Dean, Blain, Roy, and Ray.

Josie went to the North Elementary School, Wasatch High School where she graduated in 1934. Then spent two years at Brigham Young University during the depression. She came home for the summer and was fortunate to get a job working for the Wasatch County Agricultural Agent as his secretary. When fall came she continued to work instead of going back to school. At that time \$75.00 a month was a very good salary. Later she took a leave of absence and went to L.D.S. Business college in Salt Lake, then came back again to the county agent's office. During World War II, she worked at the Remington Small Arms Plant in Salt Lake City and at a radar plant in San Francisco as a secretary. Then after the war she was employed at the Newhouse Hotel as secretary to the owner.

After Grant and Josie were married they bought a home in the Heber Second Ward and lived there with their children until 1962,

when they moved to Josie's old family home in the Heber First Ward to live with her mother who was no longer able to live alone and take care of herself.

After their children were raised, Josie went back to work as a teacher aide in the North Elementary School and Wasatch High School. Then as secretary to three different school superintendents, Dr. Ferrin Van Wagoner, Bert Gividen, and Douglas L. Merkley.

Josie has always been active in Church activities in both the Wasatch and East Heber Stakes also in both First and Second Ward as a teacher, dance director, secretary, counselor, librarian and Stake President of Y.W.M.I.A. She has also been active in Shakespearean Literary Club, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and Parent Teacher Association.

Their 3 children are Sharon, Marie, and Grant. They have 7 grandchildren, all living in Salt Lake City, Utah.